

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Debra Schuette, Jessica Bakken, Rick Smith, Raughn Oakland

City Clerk/Treasurer – Adria Vargas

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City Council Meeting

February 7th, 2022

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Debra Schuette, Rick Smith via (Zoom), Jessica Bakken, Raughn Oakland

City Employees: City Clerk: Adria Vargas, Police Chief: Jon Smerud , City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance: Jan Ball, Loren Swanson, Don Peterson, Mary Moritz, Don Konken

Mayor Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

January 3rd, 2022, regular Meeting Minutes stood approved as written

All votes are made by roll call vote. All Public and Council were given the opportunity to recognize Council Member Rick Smith via ZOOM. All recognized him as Council Member Smith.

Public Comment:

Don Peterson asked about the critical water temp. He stated that he was up during the early morning hours and felt that his water was colder than normal. Mayor Foster and Wayne asked if he had taken the temperature of the water and he stated that he hadn't and wanted to know what type of thermometer that needed to be used. The Mayor stated that he could use anything that marked 30 degrees and up. The critical temp would be between 34 and 35 degrees and suggested that he run his water overnight a pencil stream wide to ensure that the line doesn't freeze.

Don Konken asked if the City could do anything about the poor state of the Post Office. The Council stated that the building is rented to the Post Office and there isn't anything they could do.

Old Business: The Council discussed the potential upcoming projects and inviting Jones, Haugh and Smith to the meeting April. The Mayor stated that he would make the call and give them some details so they could be ready to discuss a few options with the council.

New Business

Council Member Schuette made a motion to purchase a 2013 GMC Sierra pickup truck in the amount of \$29,998.93, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5Yeas,0Nays. Carried. (by roll call vote, Yeas Foster, Oakland, Schuette, Bakken, Smith)

The Council discussed the water and sewer bill at the Rohler Rink after Mayor Foster briefly reviewed the Ordinance the water and sewer bill will be discontinued. The Council also discussed the billing at Vista

Village and the lots that are vacant will be reduced to the lowest single billable amount of \$33.00 unless the water and sewer are capped, and the lot is vacant.

Public Works Report: Wayne reported that the work done on Grove Street on the water main is only a temporary fix and will have to be reopened and fixed permanently. Wayne discussed the specifics of that project. Wayne discussed a potential idea for the lift station that he had read in a TWP magazine. Mayor Foster stated that Jones Haugh and Smith will investigate all viable options as they were part of the original project years ago. Wayne was asked how the jack breaking sign on the south end of town was coming her stated that he has been trying to contact the new sign contact person for our area but hasn't had much luck with this person's voicemail box. Clerk Vargas asked if she could help to keep her posted.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request. Officer Smerud commented that he has been looking into updates for the new squad truck and there isn't a build date as of today. He stated that the new equipment is still trickling in little by little. He stated that he is still having some issues with vehicles not moving or being parked back into the same spots not allowing for the streets to be cleaned properly. He stated that if this doesn't improve, he will start issuing citations. He also asked that anyone that has or is thinking about live trapping animals to watch your traps and have a plan for removal so that the animals are not freezing to death. Animal Cruelty applies also to these animals.

Library: A library report wasn't available to the Council for the monthly meeting due to illness.

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 5 Yeas (Foster, Bakken, Oakland, Smith, Schuette) 0 Nays. Carried.